PTO/SB/08a (05-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0551-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Kn wn			
				Application Number			
INFC	RMATION	DIS	CLOSURE	Filing Date	December 12, 2003		
STA	TEMENT B	Y A	PPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Rino MICHELONI		
				Art Unit			
	(use as many she	ets as	necessary)	Examiner Name			
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	2110-92-3		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner	Cite No.1	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevan		
Initials *		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Cited Document	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
		US-6,169,423 B1	01/02/01	Campardo et al.			
		US- 6,237,104 B1	05/22/01	Micheloni et al.			
		US-					
		US-	, .				
	Ì	US-					
	I	US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
·		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
•		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (<i>if known</i>)				
_						
				. 41-14		

Examiner Signature	Date Considered		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**